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Milan, Febr. 9. N.S.

THE Prince of *Vaudemont* and the Count de *Tesse* are returned hither from *Alessandria*, where they took a Review of the French Forces lately come by Sea from *Antibes*, making together about 8000 Men, who are since marched into Quarters at *Cremona*, *Lodi*, and other Places in this Country, from whence they may draw together into a Body in two days time; And a greater number of French Forces are daily expected here from *Provence*, part whereof are already landed at *Vado*, and other Places in the Territories of *Genoua*, and Orders are given for providing them Quarters. Twenty Pieces of Cannon, and a good quantity of Ammunition, are sent from the Arsenal of *Pavia* to *Cremona*; and two French Battalions are put into Garrison in that Place, and are to be reinforced by several Squadrons of French Dragoons. The Inhabitants are obliged to furnish Quarters for the Soldiers, and to supply them with several Necessaries; and 'tis said, new Taxes are intended to be raised in this Country, to defray the publick Expences in this Conjunction.

Venice, Febr. 18. The Duke of *Mantua* intends to return in few days to *Mantua*; And the Count de *Lemos* General of the Gallies of *Naples*, and divers other Persons of Quality, who came hither to partake of the Diversions of the Carnival, are likewise upon their return home. The Cardinal d'*Estrees* has had several Conferences with the Deputies of the Senate appointed to treat with him, but his Negotiation not succeeding according to his desire, he will depart from hence in few days, and intends to go to *Modena*, and other Courts of *Italy*. They write from *Rome*, that the Emperor's Ambassador has acquainted the Pope, That his Imperial Majesty will accept his Mediation about the Spanish Succession, upon condition the Dutchy of *Milan*, and the Kingdoms of *Naples* and *Sicily*, be put into the Hands of the Pope and the *Venetians*, till the Matter be adjusted. This State continue to provide for their Security; All hands are at work to repair the Fortifications of *Verona*, *Brescia*, and other Frontier Towns. The 500 Soldiers which lately arrived from the *Levant* are at the *Lazaretto*, and as soon as they have performed their Quarantain, will be sent to reinforce the Garrison of *Verona*. Three *Venetian* Men of War, commanded by Signior

Marc-Antonio Diedo, which have cruized some time in the Gulph of *Venice*, returned hither the 9th Instant, and are ordered to be laid up. Letters from *Dalmatia* say, the *Venetian* and *Turkish* Commissioners have in several Conferences settled Matters in relation to the Limits, but the latter being unwilling to Sign without the Direction of the Grand Signior, had sent an Express to *Constantinople*, whose return was daily expected.

Revel, Jan. 21. The King of *Sweden* is marched with his Army against a Body of 30000 *Muscovites*, who lie intrenched on this side *Pleskow*. An Order has been Published here, That all the Nobility do mount on Horseback with as many Men as they can maintain, completely Armed, in order to join the King of *Sweden's* Army before the end of this Month. All the Officers of the Czar's Army which were made Prisoners at the Battel of *Narva*, are brought hither under a strong Guard; The *Muscovites* are closely confined, but the Duke de *Croy* and the other German Officers have the liberty of going about the Town upon their Parole.

Copenhagen, Febr. 19. Commissioners have been appointed to treat with the *Muscovite* Ambassador, who began their Conference this day. They have here began to fit out a Squadron of Men of War; and Admiral *Paulsen* is sent to *Hamburg*, to Liff 1000 Sea Men for this Service.

Vienna, February 16. The Imperial Regiments are recruited. Orders are given for raising 10000 *Hussars*, and *Levies* are likewise making for adding 2 Troops to each Regiment of Horse, and 4 Companies to each Regiment of Foot. The Emperor will send 37000 Men into *Italy*, part of these Forces are on their March, having with them 20 Pieces of Cannon, and the rest of the Forces, and Train of Artillery will soon follow; Magazines are already provided for them in the Country of *Tirol*, sufficient to serve them for 6 Months. The Regiments are likewise on their March towards the *Rhine*, and several Boats are sent up the *Danube* with Cannon and Ammunition. The States of *Hungary* are exempted from the extraordinary Subsidies that were demanded of them in this Conjunction, in Consideration of the Offer they have made, to recruit and maintain the Imperial Forces that are to remain in those Parts, to the number of about 30000 Men. Cardinal *Lamberg* is arrived here from *Venice*.

Francfort, February 19. The French Forces which were drawn together near *Metz*, have begun to file off, some towards *Luxembourg*, and the rest to *Alsace*, and 2 Battalions of them are entered into *Landau*. Orders are given to several Regiments of the Elector Palatine's Forces to march from their Quarters in the Palatinate, towards the Countries of *Berg* and *Juliers*. The Sieur *Schlemnitz*, Envoy from the Duke of *Saxe Gotha*, passed lately by this Place in his Journey to *Paris*.

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